FIRST BLOOD FOR JAPANESE NAVY

(Continued from First Page.) ing party, only sixteen were seen later in the day by the steamer Foo Chew. Story of Battle.

A member of the crew of the Columbia tells this story of the naval buttle at

"The Columbia was lying in the road "The Columbia was lying in the roadstend surrounded by fourteen Hussian
battleships and cruisers. At 11:30 o'clock
Monday night a severe shock was folt on
board the Columbia. The Russians immediately commenced to operate their
searchlights and opened fire towards the
Sca. The firing lasted only a short time.
At 1 o'clock more shocks were felt,
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and the Russians again commenced firing. The Japanese did not return the
fire. At 2 o'clock two Russian battleships went in and were beached across
the entrance of the harbor. They were
even followed by a Russian crulser, which
also was beached None of the vessels
were damaged above the water like.
"More shocks from torpedoes were felt
during the early morning, and then all
was quiet. At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning three Japanese crulsers passed Port
Arthur in sight of the Russian fleet. The
whole Russian fleet immediately weighed anchor and went after them, but returned in half an hour."

Russian Fire Short.

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The Russians left one cruiser outside to watch for the Japanese ships. The cruiser was fired upon by the Japanese, and the other Russian vessels took up their anchors and cruised around the readistead. The Japanese fleet came up within three miles and a battle commenced. The Japanese fleet of the ships and forts, which replied. Two Russian ships were struck by shells, but were only slightly damaged. The Russian fire fell short. The Columbia steamed away while the battle was in progress, but later saw the Japanese fleet leave. One Japanese cruiser with torpede boats, is reported north of the Foo.

The two battleships disabled are the Poltava and the Czarevich. The disabled armored cruiser Boyarim and the grounded battleships block the entrance to the harbor, preventing gunboats from going out and battleships and cruisers from going in and getting coal.

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Besides this, Japan has the Russian gunboats Variag and Koretz caught at Chemulpo. They were bound for Viadi-

The Fleets.

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The Japanese fleet was under the command of Vice Admiral Togo, and consisted of four fast cruisers, the Chitose, Kasagi. Tagafago, and Yashima, which of cled outside, drawing the fire of the Russians. They then Joined the main fleet and all went in to attack the armored cruisers. In the Japanese fleet, which consisted of two divisions, were the Mikasa, the flagship, the first-class battleship Ashi, Tuji, Yashima, Spikishma, Hatsuse and the dispatch control of the fleet, under command of Admirat Kamimura, on the flagship Idsumo, consisted of the armored cruisers Yakuma, Iwate and Asama.

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When seen by the steamer Foo Chow Tuesday morning the fast cruisers were circiling in a radius of six m les. No torpedo boats were seen, and it is probable that they left the vicinity after the torpedo attack of Monday night. The Russ an fleet outside of the harbog consisted of the battleships Petropaulovsky, flagship: Perisawet, suchiaganin, Pobleda, Poltava, Czarewitch, Retvizan and Sebastopol, and the cruisers Novik. Boyarim, Bayaru, Dianu, Palada, Askold and Angara. The deabed battleships are inside Forts Huan Ching Shan and Chi Kwan Shan. The cruiser is outside, but within range of the forts.

The steamer Foo Chow, from Dainy, passed through the Jonance flee to-day, Tho fleet consisted of six battleships, four frat-class cruisers and six other vesseis.

The fieet consisted of six patterns, total first-class crusers and six other vessels. They are eighteen miles from Port Arthur this morning, and were proceeding in a southeaster? direction. The Foo Chow brought 30 Japanese refugees.

RUSSIANS NOT PREPARED. Torpedo Boats Not Noticed Until After They Began Work.

(By Associated Press.) CHEF FOO, Feb. 9.—The British steam-er Columbia, which arrived here to-day from Port Arthur, bringing news of the attack by the Japanese fleet upon the Russfan fleet, reports that the Columbia had a narrow escape from injury. Her passengers and crew were very much excited. While f g out of the roads at Port Arthur the Russian cruiser Novik got between the Covimbia and the Ja-panese fleet. Shells, which passed over

excited. While f g out of the roads at Port Arthur the Russian cruiser Nov k got between the Covambia and the Japanese fleet. Shells, which passed over the Novik, struck around the Columbia. Her flag was cut into shreds and one shell fac on her deck. The faces of trose who were on deck were blackened with powder smoke.

A naval officer, who was recently at Port Arthur, says the Russians were not prepared for the attack on their ships, and had an insufficient amount of steam, up. A bout putrolled the strafts of Pe Chi Li continuously, but apparently the Japanese torpedo boats were not noticed until after the first torpedo was fred. The Russians fired, but the Japanese did not return the fire and backed off. An hour later the discharge of torpedoes was repeated, after which the torpedo boats withdrew some distance.

At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning the Japanese fast cruisers circled within view of the whole Russian fleet, but they were not engaged. The Russians returned toward the harbor after an hour. The Japanese, continuing, came with a three miles. A battle then began between the Russian forts and fourteen ships and sixteen Japanese vessels. A few of the Japanese shells was effective, but as far as soon the Russian fire fell short. The Japanese fleet was steaming toward Dainey when seen its. The steamer Columbia left just as Tuesday morning's contest began, and was unable to learn the result. It is probable that the Japanese fleet was conveying twonty-six from Sasebo to some port of Korea. Japanese are reported to be in possession of the southern portion of the peninsula.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

Russian Commander Notifies the Czar of the Battle.

(By Associated Press.)
RT. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10., 1 A. M.—
The following bulletin has just been issued in teh form of a telegram from
Viceroy Alexieft's chief of staff, dated

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side below the water line. The forts were slightly damaged.

(Signed) "MAJOR GEN. FLUG.

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"The forts were possible area. Just what this means is not made clear to the public, but the determination may have the greatest effect upon the struggle between Russia and

Attack Was Sudden.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—Admiral
Alexieff's official report of the torpedo
attack by the Japanese is as follows: "I
most respectfully inform your majesty
that at or about midnight of February
8th-9th, that the torpedo boats made a
sudden attack by means of mines upon sudden attack by means of mines upon the Russian squadron in the outer roads the Russian squadron in the outer roads of the fortress of Port Arthur, in which the battleship Retvizan and Czarvitch and cruiser Pallada were damaged. An inspection is being made to ascertain the character of damage."

The Russian battleship Retvizan was built' by the Cramp's, Philadelphia. Stells of 12,700 tons displacement, has 15,000 leatherstal borns nower and has a tree.

is of 12,00 tons displacement, has 18,00 indicated horse power and has a speed of 18 knots per hour. The Czarvitch is a battleship of 13,110 tons, built, in France, in armor, armanent and peel, she at, at equals the Retvizan. The Pallada, is a cruiser of 6,630 tons. She was built in Germany.

A Second Message.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.).

ST PETERSBURG, Feb. 10-6:20 A.

M.—A second telegram has been received from Viceroy Alexieff; it is dated February 9th, and says:

"A Japanese squadron of fifteen-battle-bhips and cruisers to-day begain to bombard Port Arthur. The fortress replied and the squadron weighed anchor in order to participate in the battle."

A third telegram from the riceroy says that after a bombardment, lasting one hour, the Japanese squadron coased its fire and steamed southward.

fire and steamed southward. "Our losses," the viceroy continues, "are two naval officers and fifty-one

men wounded and nine men killed, and on the coast batteries one man killed and three wounded. "During the engagement the battleship Oltava and the cruisers Diana, Askoid and Novik were all damaged on the wa-ter line. The damage to the fortress was not important."

Vessels Not Sunk.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—Admiral
Avxleff, ampliying his irst telegram to
the Czar on the torpedo boat action, now
telegraphs as frows: I most humbly report to your Imperial Majesty that the
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three injured vessels were not sunk, nor were their boilers or engines damy, de he Czarevitch received a hole in her steering department and her rudder was damiged; the Retvizan was damiged in her pumping apparatus under the weter line and the Pallada was injured amidships not far from her engines."

After the explosions the crukers hast ened immediately to their assistance, and in spite of the dark night, measures were taken to bring the damaged vessels to the harbor. We had no loss in officers. Two marines were killed, flywere drowned and eight were wounded. The enemy's torpedo boats received a heavy fire. Two unexploded torpedoes were found after the attack."

Japanese Troops Disembark in

(By Associated Press.)
PEKIN, Feb. 9.—About one thousand Japanese troops disembarked at Chemuto, Korea, yesterday, notwithstanding the presence there of two Russian warships.

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rush troops across the continent into Port'Arthur, land them in the very seat of the war, and maintain destructive offensive operations all along the coast in Korea and in the Jupan Sea.

"Hence Japan will make a dash for Port Arthur, and in the seas about here wik be some of the severest fighting. Russian battleships and Russian troops are carefully guarding the port. If Japan captures it or destroys the Chinese Eastern Ralifond or in any other way makes the port untenable for the Russians she will have solved the situation and given her enemy a terrible and staggering how. A long and circultous route would then be Russia's only advance to the fireld of operations."

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"When I got home, my druggist sent me a copy of TO-NI-TA, the Beautiful Story of Life, by Dr. Lorentz. I read the metaboristic form of the Beautiful Story of Life, by Dr. Lorentz. I read the metaboristic form of the membrane sent that I maily read the system. This accounts for the work of the first bottle of TO-NI-TA my digestion improved and I seemed better. I have first bottle of TO-NI-TA my digestion improved and I seemed better. I have successful the system of the provided that I maily read the system. This accounts to refer when the provided that I maily read the system. This accounts to refer when the provided that I maily read the many so is somalle that I maily read the many so is somalle that I maily read the more than the provided that I maily read the more than the provided that I maily read the many so is somalled that I maily read the more than the many somal than the more than the mor

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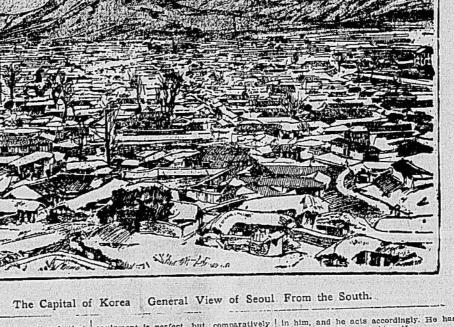
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to be a minister of the "Prince of Feace," the "God of War," is receiving some of petitions just now. There are quite a number of Russians here, probably the best known of whom is Mr. Jacob Schireff, of No. 416 East Grace Street. The Cossacks are not migratory and there are probably fewer Russians of the better classes in America than of almost any nation on earth.

The policy of the Russians has apparently been to drive out their competitors and remain at home themselves. They love the reign of "General Januory," to whom the first Nicholas referee's os significantly, and to whom the present Czar plns his faith during the campaign just begun. In Northern Man-

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rean independence, it is believed that the determination will not be reached before the close of the war.

It was at first supposed that the intertion was to do no more than maintain the open door in Manchuria, but it is apparent that there is a deeper purpose and from the original thought the proposition has grown into one that will conserve the territorial integrity of China.

TO SEE FIGHTING.

Admiral Evans to Send Cruiser Squadron to Chinese Waters.

LAND AT CHEMULPO.

Japanese Troops Disembark in Spite of Russian Warships.

(By Associated Press.)

PEKIN, Feb. 9.—About one thousand Japanese troops disembarked at Chemuipo, Korea, yesterday, notwithstanding the presence there of two Russian warships.

Steamer Captured.

(By Associated Press.)

The Albany, New Orleans Raleigh and Chinchinati, from Subig Bay to some point in Chinese waters yet to be determined to the purpose of observing the naval operations. It is expected that the squadron can coal and get under way within two days. Admira: Evans is expected to keep the battleship squadron in Philippine waters throughout the period of hostilities between Russia and Japan.

This decision was reached at the cabinet meeting to-day after long considera-

equipment is perfect, but, comparatively speaking, she has little of it. When this is gone, she must succumb. The end is, therefore inevitable. For awhile the brave people will put of a great fight, and sorely harrass the Slav, but after a year or two if it keeps up that long, the unhinted resources of Russia will tell, and Jappn, broken and crippled, will have to bend to the yoke.

This is the careful and deliberate opinion of a naval officer who has seen that of which he speaks and whose training mcreover has peculiarly fitted him to nake a valuable and weighty estimate of the Eastern crisis.

Port Arthur the Crux.

"The crux of the stuation," said Adimiral Webster, "is Port Arthur and you
will find that the great buttles will occur in the seas near that port and in
Korea just across the way. The first
movement in the war will probably be
by the Japanese against Port Arthur,
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"When Japan defeated the armies of China a few years ago she held by right of conquest a narrow strip of territory on the Chinese coast bordering on the Korean bay, and extending up in the direction of Manchuria. The nowers intervened—Russia, Germany, France and

in him, and he acts accordingly. He has perfect confidence in himself.

"There are in Japan to-day about 45,-000,000 of people-more than were in the United States when the Civil War broke out. The resources of the county in the way of food supply are almost unlimited. The people eat rice mostly. The financial condition is good, and I believe Japan has a war fund it has been husbanding for this very emergency. Its part in the Chinese spoil was \$6,000,000 yens, about \$25,000,000 in gold. The income on this money has been used, at least in part, for educational purposes. But the principal is intact, and will be used for the war. It will last the Japanese three times as long as any other people, because the cost of feeding the army is much less and the Japanese are by nature a care-

cost of feeding the army same a careful and the Japanese are by nature a careful and frugal folk.

Japan has a standing army and a large reserve force. She could probably ultimately put 1,500,000 fighting men in the field. The Japanese navy is of recognized field. The Japanese navy is of reco strength. It is modeled largely afte strength. It is modeled largely after that of Germany. The battleships are new and of the most improved type. Russia has a larger fleet, but her ships are not so powerful, and besides many of them are not available at this time. Everything in Japan-army and navy-is the vory pink of perfection, and the Japanese fleet will make its force felt on every hand. The country has at its call thousands and thousands of skilled sallors—fishermen, The country has at its call thousands and thousands of skilled sailors—fishermen, who have grown up by the side of the sail soa water and have become inured to the hardships of life upon the high seas. Some of Japan's battleships were built in this country. The Kasagi, a protected zuiser, is an American product. Built by its side was the Variag, a Rustian better it will be an interesting sight Built by its stac was the varing, a flus-sian boat. It will be an interesting sight if these two cruisers ever meet. One is as powerful as the other and, other things being equal, all will depend on the men. We may be able to tell then who is the better fighter, the Japanese on the Fusedons. or the Russians.

WILL IT REND THE WORLD IN TWAIN?-Atlanta Constitution.

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THREE EMPERORS DIRECTLY CONCERNED IN THE RUSSO-JAPANESE TROUBLE.

Reuters' Telegram Company from Shangkai, says it is credibly reported that the Russian mail steamer Mongolia, which left Shanghai Sunday, has been captured by the Japanese off Shan-Tung

INTEGRITY OF CHINA. Secretary Hay Addresses Note

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(By Assachated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Secretary Hay addressed an identical note to a number of European powers to ascertain if they are willing to join in a notice to Russh and Japan that during hostifities and thereafter the neutrally and integrity of China must be recognized.

Deta'ri of the note are not obtainable in advance of the receipt of replies. It is known, however, that exchanges already have taken place, which justify the State Department in expecting favorable responses to its note. The matter has created a great sensation in diplomat'c circles here.

It is further learned that the proposition of the United States contempites a restriction of hostilities, and the consequent hardships of war to the smallest

t'on. It has been definitely settind that the cruiser squadron wit not go to Pert Arthur. Admiral Evans is not instructed regarding his own movements, but it is believed in naval orcles that he will iransfer his feg to the Albany and proceed northward with the squadron.

TALKS TO MINERS. Gov. Frazier Tells Them Acts of Lawlessness Must Stop.

(By Associated Press.)

COAL CREDER, TENN., Feb 0.—As a result of the riot here has Su day a which four men were killed and e h seriously wounded. Governor Fra ler

England—and declared that Japan must get out; that the integrity of China should and must be preserved. Japan compiled, but Russia instead of carrying out the principle it had invoked against the Japanese put its foot on the disputed territory and kept it there. The important objective point in this territory is Port Arthur, which had been captured by the Japanese and was now held by Russia. The present sruggle prows out of the continued occupation of it by Russia, despite at promises of an early evacuation, and of the anxiety of Japan to preserve Korca as a natural barrer between herself and the advancing Russian—a necessity if she would save herself.

The following builetin has just been issued in teh form of a telegram from Vicercy Alexieft's chief of staff, dated Pebruary 9th:

"By order of the Vicercy, I beg to report that this day at about 11 o'clock in the morning, a Japanese squadron, consisted of about fifteen battleships and cruisers, approached Port Arthur and opened fire. The enemy was received with a cannonade from the sliore battleries and the guns of our squadron, which also participated in the engagement, At about midday the Japanese squadron ceased its fire and left, proceeding south.

"Our losses in the fleet were two officers wounded, nine men killed and forty spee men wounded, on the shore battleship follows and the cut error willing to join in a notice to Russia and Japan that during hostif ties and proposed from the vicercy of the control of the metal during hostif ties and proposed from the vicercy of the vicercy of the note are not obtainable to recept of replies. It is known however, that exchanges a propose of the Nicercy approached Port Arthur and opened fire. The enemy was received with a cannonade from the sliore battleries and the enemy are stated as great sensation in diplomatic circles here.

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